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JUVENILE MALE FROM SOUTHERN ARIZONA SENTENCED TO DETENTION

Shot at a school bus loaded with children on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation

TUCSON, Ariz. –A juvenile from Sells, Ariz., was sentenced here to 23 months of juvenile detention to be followed by five years of juvenile supervision by U.S. District Judge John M. Roll. The juvenile had admitted to Discharging a Firearm within a School Zone and six counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon on August 22, 2005.

The acts of juvenile delinquency to which the defendant pleaded guilty occurred on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation on December 9, 2004. On that date, the juvenile took a .22 caliber rifle and fired a single shot at a school bus occupied by the bus driver and 17 children. The bullet crashed through the glass on the doors of the bus, spraying glass that hit several children seated nearby. The bullet became lodged in the interior of the bus just above the bus driver's head. The juvenile admitted that he had fired the weapon because he was upset with one of the occupants of the bus and did so in an effort to scare that person.

The disposition imposed translates into the juvenile being detained in a juvenile facility and then under juvenile supervision until the age of 21, the maximum age at which he could be supervised.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tucson, Ariz.

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